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A Valuable Suggestion.

THE poverty stricken condition of the District treasury and the consequent failure properly to make provision for playgrounds has started the adults of the city thinking up schemes by which the children can have a few hours of recreation without being exposed to the danger of street accidents. That the thinking has been done to some purpose is evidenced by resolutions adopted by the Thirteen Club, in which the Commissioners are petitioned to rope off certain side streets in each neighborhood for stated periods daily, when they will be made available as playgrounds for the children.

Here is a suggestion meriting consideration. In every neighborhood there are quiet streets where there is a minimum of traffic. To rope off these thoroughfares for a block or so, say for two hours each evening, would work no hardship on the residents and would insure a safe playground for the youngsters. Roller-skating and games could be played and tired mothers would not have their nerves on edge perpetually for fear their offspring are in imminent danger of being run over. Of course, there will be those who will object

on the score of the noise. We do not think, however, they will be in the majority, for there are few householders so warped and crabbed as to begrudge the youngsters a little innocent fun. Then too, different streets might be selected each day or so, to disarm the selfish persons who might complain that the gathering of children in their block constituted a perpetual nuisance. The season of roller-skating is now with us

and daily the number of youngsters moving swiftly about the streets by this means of locomotion is increasing. Skating is good, clean healthful exercise. But a smooth surface is necessary to its proper enjoyment and that is to be found only in the streets. Where the sidewalks are used, there is often inconvenience to pedestrians and where the roadways are pressed into service there is the constant menace of automobiles and other traffic. There is little chance for avoidance of an accident when a youngster dashes from behind a wagon or automobile into the path of another machine. And this holds good whether the youngster is on skates or merely playing "tag" or some other game. Soon the top season will be with us and the youngsters will demand their inalienable right of a place to "spin or put in." Paved streets, we recollect, are the best places in the world to make a top spin in approved fashion. And every kiddie knows automobiles have broken up many a good top party.

All these things being true, it sounds mighty asonable to rope off a few quiet streets and tur them over to the younger generation for a few hours each day. There may be some very good reasons why it should not be done, but we cannot think of them just now. Hence we warmly commend the suggestion of the Thirteen Club to the favorable consideration of the District Commis-

When they predict an open winter we hope they do not mean a winter that will be open to criticism

The Effect of a Symbol.

THE report of miraculous waters in a well in Essex, England, by whose action the sick are said to be healed, will afford some support to the insistence of modern psychology on the compelling power of a symbol, we are informed on the authority of the Manchester Guardian. Cures effected by drinking supposedly magic waters or by looking upon a sacred picture are sufficiently common to be an accepted part of experience. They are, one may suppose, the fruit of a faith in which symbolism is the motive power. M. Coue's healing was founded upon a mingled appeal to will, reason, and imagination; his aim was to make the personality of the sufferer strong to ignore and so defeat the suffering. There was in this case no symbol. The necessary control of nerve and mind was achieved by the patient's self-assertion, and that self-assertion was stimulated by an act of mind, almost by a process of abstract thought. Such an act or process is a challenge to the individual's mastery of himself, particularly if it is to be maintained day after day. To minds less capable of abstract activity the symbol-often some water to which curative power is attributed-is

obviously an aid to faith. Social psychology has recently concentrated a good deal of attention on the effects of symbolism in stimulating political belief, and its conclusions have been usually rather unwelcome to those who believe that good political results must depend very largely upon the amount of hard thinking the citizens of a nation have it in them to execute. The danger of social psychology has always been the possibility of its being so intrigued by its research into the things which are that it forgets to separate the "ares" from the "oughts." That cures should be effected by quasi-medical symbols like water is certainly good, since illness is certainly an evil, and one hopes that such cures are as lasting as they are sensational. But the political symbol, a word, a phrase, a play, or a personality, is capable of being put to the worst as well as to the best uses, and a good national movement stimulated by a symbol may lose its driving power when the symbol goes stale. That is why the man who

wants to see self-government at its best wil re-fuse to accept symbolism as a substitute for ab-stract thought. The psychological power of the symbol may be useful in mass action, as in medicine, but it must also be watched.

Americans are hurrying home from Europe and steamships are booked full until October. Be it ever so thirstful, there's no place like

A Hint for Mr. Hughes.

WE OFTEN wonder what kind of an ambassador our old friend H. L. Mencken would make. Inasmuch as he has the sometimes unhappy faculty of telling the truth, he might not be so good. George Harvey got into a peck of trouble when he first went over there by telling the truth. This is something a diplomat should not do. We do not mean to say that he should lie, but when it comes to telling the truth about any subject the real diplomat should change the subject.

Menck, who is now over there, never takes the troub'e to change the subject. He believes it is easier to say what he thinks than to hunt around for some insane subject about which he can equivocate. When our cousins heard that Mencken was coming over to see them they arranged to have a very good time indeed, and Menck is not disappointing them. He is giving a good performance and, not being in any official capacity at all, he can go as far as he likes.

"America is rotten with money," he said as soon as he landed. We don't know of anything he could have said which would have thrilled his European hearers much more. The mention of money gets under the European skin quicker than any other form of persiflage. Making this crack immediately upon arriving, Mencken was sure to be treated with respect during his entire visit. No. we don't know what kind of an ambassador our celebrated literary prophet would make, but the English will find that he is probably the most interesting caller from this side that they have entertained in some time.

If he does not pay his respects to the Europeans just before he takes the boat for home we shall be much surprised.

A Chance for Real Economy.

NE of the greatest wastes in America is due to fire. Every year millions of dollars in property and thousands of lives are lost through this agency. The Chamber of Commerce of the United States tells us that in 1921 the toll in lives was 15,000 while the monetary loss exceeded \$500,000,000. With the growth of cities and consequent congestion in building the fire losses have gained by leaps and bounds, the statistics for last year showing losses approximately six times as great as forty years ago.

In themselves these statistics are appalling, but how much worse when experts declare a large percentage of the fires could be prevented with a little care. A lighted cigarette stump, or still glowing match-stick thrown into a corner; cellars and garrets stacked high with trash, old clothing and other inflammable material or a matchbox conveniently placed for the baby to reach-these are a few of the things which contribute to America's great fire loss. So serious has become the fire menace that

Fire Prevention Day, started years ago in a small way, has grown to be a national institution, proclaimed as such by the President. The date selected for its observance, October 9, contains a peculiar significance, for it was on that day, in 1871, that Chicago was practically razed by flames. In his proclamation this year, the President calls upon all citizens to stop and give a thought to the fire menace and the best way to avoid it. It also is recommended that special attention be given the subject in the public schools and in all industrial establishments.

A short lesson on fire prevention may be the means of saving many lives and great property loss. It is real conservation, real economy and every good citizen would do well to refresh the remories of all members of his family with a fer of the "don'ts" prepared by the fire chief. The les-

This investigation will take time. And meanwhile boys will be taught the uses of this drug, and thousands more will be ruined.

The league resolution is, of course, a step in the right direction though its results are too far off to save many who are being seduced now.

It is shameful, however, to realize that in the year 1922 it is necessay to investigate "technical difficulties" blocking suppression of an admitted

And the pity of it all is that these "technical difficulties" are for the most part a vague phrase for the greed of nations that fatten on the revenue

If Europe is slow about coming across with the amount of her debt to us, maybe we can send a few lecturers over there and get it that

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Touring Europe, Day by Day

By O. O. McIntyre

Paris, Sept. 22.—Today is my last lay in Paris. It is not easy to leave the Parasites—the term used advisedly after checking up my travelers' checks. Paris tugs at the purse strings as well as the heart strings. Someone has said: "See Paris and die!" Globe-trotters long for it whether in faroff Yukon or under the blaze of the

Yukon or under the blaze of the Southern cross.

In London one feels less the foreigner. There is a kinship there that is not experienced in Paris. Yet despite London's charm, its beauty and traditions, it is Paris that built one into a sense of necessity.

beauty and traditions, it is Paris that lulis one into a sense of peace and happiness. It is the gate in the wall wherein one finds the fountain of youth.

London presents the glacial front. Paris is filmy. It loves and laughs with the lightness of its champagne foam. It is as sketchy and superficial to the stranger as the smiles of its courtesans. It is the ideal spot to play. It is a place to hide one's grief.

one's grief.

The war has left its scars in London and Paris but in Paris they are not so noticeable. This morning at breakfast I sat next to a white-haired Frenchman who had lost three sons in the war. "You think Paris is gay," he said. "What you see is only the tinsel that hides you see is only the tinsel that hides a bleeding heart." And as he walked away an empty sleeve flapped at his side. In his coat lapel was a red badge of courage. It is a bit gruesome but an incident on the Boulevard des Capucines near the Cunard offices portrayed the spirit of Paris. trayed the spirit of Paris. There was a sudden clotting of traffic. A young grisette was caught in the swirl. To while away a tethe swirl. To while away a te-dium she cheekily applied powder and rouge in a mirror that faced her. The mirror was encased in the side of an empty hearse. In the night haunts of pleasure

ees young girls whose faces the inexpressible wisdom of ages. They wear widow's weeds yet never widowed. Paris has simply made the mourning gown fashionable and wears it to its

stupid to the average American than the music hall of London. In one may at least catch the irift of conversation. The music hall is a shining example of the French petty graft. One is ex-pected to tip the ticket seller, the usher, the program girls, the hat checker and carriage starter. And if one does not—he is asked about it right out. The comedian in the leading revue wears a blonde wig,
leading revue wears a blonde wig,
a corset fitting coat and a ballet
skirt. The New York Winter Garden idea of runways down the aisles into the audience prevails. Each girl wears just about enough clothes to dust off a flute and that And one of the little bits of merriment is to have her bare Johns as she runs along the ramps. France clings to its song hits. In every revue they are still singing "Mon Homme" to different words. It was popularized in America three dist and novelist. The vitality of

ed for a general cleaning. profit by this custom, ist spends his day in the

taxi brigands this afternoon. After a short spin I tendered a five franc pocket just for revenge

"Who's Who" In Day's News



assistant private secretary to Lord Salisbury when the latter was pre-

year he attempted to get into the house of commons and failed. He was more successful the following port division of Lancashire. He resigned to go to India, where he

turned out a number of books.

But with the war, the grave of We thought But with the war, the grave of so many men's reputations and the cradle of still more others, he became lord president of the council, leader of the house of lords, and president of the newly formed air board. Already in 1911 he had been created Earl Curzon of Kedleston. He was raised to the marquisate very recently. His elevations will be the still be the sort of marquisate very recently. His elevations will be thought the halcyon days of such novels had passed away. But in "At Sight of Gold" one recognizes a master hand that successfully emulates the best of Bertha M. Clay's works. We say master hand advisedly, for assuredly nothing but an anatomically sound hand is needed to produce this sort of marquisate very recently. His elevations but there is no difference. marquisate very recently. His eleva-tion to the Mgr. Marquisate is quite

zon took over the reins. From his Oxford days Curzon

was always brilliant at exams. He won the Lothian essay prize in 1883, and the Arnold essay prize the following year. In 1883 he was elected, too, a fellow of All Souls College, Oxford. He holds honorary degrees of Oxford, Cambridge, Manchester, Glasgow, and Dwitseler, Manchester, Glasgow, and Durham. In 1907 he was made chancellor of the university as well. And, in 1908, he was elected lord rector of Glasgow University.

ional gallery.

THE FRIEND OF THE PEOPLE ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS.

This department is conducted by The Hereld to ancier questions of its readers. All executions will be questreed in these columns. Address letters to the Priend of the Poopin

FRIEND OF THE PEOPLE A QUESTION OF HEIGHT.

A friend of mine who spent the summer in New Hampshire told me that the White Face Mountain in that State was 5,000 feet high, and another friend of mine who also spent the summer in that State declared that it was only 4,000 feet high. Now to settle this controversy I would like to know if you can give me the exact height of the mountain.

W. V. V. The exact height of the White Face Mountain in New Hampshire is 4.057 feet.

MOUNT ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE.

To the Priesd of the People:

Who is head of Mount St. Joseph's College in Baltimore? How many students are enrolled there?

Brother James is the governing official. There approximately 250 students in attendance

ARKANSAS BAPTIST SEMINARY.

The Arkansas Baptist Seminary located in Little Rock, Ark.

ARCHBISHOP OF NEW ORLEANS.

To the Friend of The People:

Who was archbishop of the Roman Catholic hierarchy of the United States in the year 1910? in what city or town was his residence? P. O'C.

Rt. Rev. John W. Shaw of New Orleans was archbishop in that year. MORE THAN 400,000 IN UNITED STATES.

How many members of the original branch of the Latter Day Saints Church (Mormon) are there in the United States? PHIL S.

There are approximately 404,000 members of that church in the United States. DUTY ON LEATHER GOODS IN 1913. the Friend of The People:

What was the duty on leather gloves imported into the United States under the tariff of 1913? T. W. The duty on leather gloves under that tariff law was \$1 to \$4.75 per dozen pairs. BANK PAILURES.

To the Friend of the People:

Will you please tell me how many banking and brokerage houses falled last year, also give me names and state whether or not they were members of the New York Stock Exchange?

J. H. C.

It would require too much space to print the names of all the banking and brokerage houses that failed last year. In the Library of Congress either Dun's or Bradstreet's Credit Directories will give you the information desired. If all the information you desire cannot be obtained in those two directories consult the Librarian or one of his assistants.

THAT TRIP OF COLUMBUS. To the Friend of The People:

There seems to be some misunderstanding among our family as to exactly how long it took Columbus to sail across the Atlantic and as to the point from which he sailed and into what body of water he sailed after crossing the Atlantic.

Mrs. C. M. Y.

Columbus sailed from Palos, Spain, and he sailed into the Gulf of Mexico. It took him exactly thirty-seven days to cross the Atlantic.

To the Friend of the People:

On a Federal farm loan how much money would it amount to if I let a \$1,000 loan run for ten years before I could cancel it at 5 per cent?

FARMER.

According to their interest table it would amount to \$1,472.28 in ten years, that is, if no interest was paid during the intervening time.

THE PRICE OF COAL.

What was the price of anthracite coal per ton in New York City during the years 1914. 1915, 1918 and 1921? CONSUMER. In 1914 coal sold for \$6.86 per ton, in 1915 for \$7.44 per ton, in 1918 for \$9.96 per ton and in 1921 for \$14.54 per ton.

THE STATUTE MILE.

How many yards are there in a statute mile? There are 1,760 yards in a statute mile.

BOOK REVIEWS

VIVID LOVE STORY OF LATE CONFLICT

Are Delicate to Reader Of Taste.

Parisian "The Clash," by Storm Jameson. In this story, Mrs. Jameson has aimed at a dual success as propaganthe narrative and its skillful tell-

perceptibly affect the present entente cordiale. It is hard to understand shops and he also gets his "general how international amity is forwarded by the tale of an unfortunate love affair between an indiscreet English

matron and an American officer. held flier. That is the lineup of the semi sort of thing happens and is garnished with much gabble about the differ-ences between England and America. when things blow over. agreeable sort of person and his wife old England is better to pin to than the compellant but rather too strenuof the Texan aviator's love.

of the "don'ts" prepared by the fire chief. The lessions are not hard to learn and a little bit of thought and attention now will draw heavy interest later in safety and security.

Great Britian's confidence in Lord Curzon is indicated again by the action of Premier Lloyd George in Sending the British is in a stable condition, but it has at least reached a garage condition.

A Step Ahead.

WHILE the hydra-headed opium traffic is deal official to the world are gravely discussing the evil, and agreement to crush the traffic by forbidding in must be taken.

The fifth commission of the league of nations, spurred by the urgency of the situation, has adopted a resolution which would provide for an investigation of the technical difficulties blocking an agreement to crush the traffic by forbidding licensing.

This investigation will take time. And mean-ambile hows will and adapted a condition on will draw and the sone action of the world are gravely to traffic in the sone of a clergyman peer. He was not many that the story. So that it is something left with the story. So that it is something left with the story. So that it is something left with the story will take time. And mean-ambile hows will take time. And mean-ambile how will take time. And mean-ambile how will be seen the story will be a substitution of the condition of a clergyman peer. He was allowed. W. V. H. Everything is wound up very properly and conventionally.

All this is not to be taken as indiCornell that was a corker,"

Balliol College, Oxford and became sustenance, but delicate to the taste.

That was in 1885. The same AT SIGHT OF GOLD RECALLS OLD DAYS three

Lombardi. (Appleton.)

Some years ago one used to get any light on the subject:
lovely romances for a dime. True,
they were bound in paper and not resigned to go to India, where he acted as viceroy from 1899 to 1905.

On his return from the far east and after the death of his first wife he dropped out of prominent public life and traveled in central public life and traveled in central they abounded with romance, public life and traveled in central they abounded with romance, hatred, love, revenge, gold, delighting the parties Signal heroes and lovely heroines, all Afghanistan, the Pamirs, Si-Indo-China, and Korea, and stirred together in the most in-We thought the halcyon days of

fiction. But there is no different Miss Lombardi doesn't allow h And when Arthur James Balfour retired from the foreign office Curpresent price of talent of the Mary J. Holmes order. Again we ack-nowledge the wisdom of the late

Any elucidation of the plot of subject matter of "At sight of Gold" would irrreparably spoil the But the Cong. Rec. throws but itsuspense of the first five chapters for the reader who has just reached tle light on anything. However, there is a good wheeze hidden away or is slightly beyond the Laura Jean Libbey stage. But there are lots of thrills, much beauty and somewhere in "gas buoys" and Con 1908, he was elected lord rector of Glasgow University.

He was also president of the Royal Geographical Society for four years, and is a trustee of the National gallery.

get it from the public library.

Mr. Barnum.

"MYSTERY" STORY FAILS TO MYSTIFY

The Fugitive Millionaire," by An-thony Carlyle. (Houghton-Mif-flin Company, New York.) Anthony Carlyle weaves a be-

witching yarn and identifies himself as a clever story-teller in "The Fugitive Millionaire," but goes a little outside of his realm when he attempts to build an enchanting mystery. The big fault is that the "secret" is out long before the last page is perused. Carlyle starts with a real foun-dation. A step-daughter, left with

a step-mother, who has a marriage-able daughter of her own, partly announces she will marry the first man who asks her. A handsome, mysterious stranger later rescues her from death on a lonely island. An elderly gentleman asks for her hand, and true to her earlier prom-

The Spotlight In Washington

monies. That was considered so with, rough that it was abolished. Now, bloods rough that it was abolished. let us go way back to '74, nearly fifty years ago. Dr. R. W. Shufeldt, cides that a humdrum life in dear who could string a lot of funcy i England is better to pin to than looking letters after his name if he

and he says he can get some more members when the old class meets at the semi-ctntennial in 1924. What do you remember?

Who Runs Buoys Anyway? Like the bears scattered through

three government departments which Secretary Hoover once told about, the buoys seems to be in the same quandary. Anyway, this n't from the Cong. Rec. does not throw

gation in the Department of Commerce had jurisdiction over the special matter the gentleman refers to. Mr. Chalmers-Absolutely. Mr. Stafford—I thought the Corps of Engineers of the War

Department had jurisdiction of the establishment of lights and buoys. The Bureau of Naviga-tion has jurisdiction as far as the equipment is concerned, and I was under the impression that the Board of Engineers of the War Department had charge of

Mr. Chalmers—No; this mat-ter falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Commerce. Mr. Byrnes, of South Carolina—I want to say that the gentleman from Wisconsin is not informed on that subject. Mr. Stafford—I prefaced my remarks with the statement that I was not certain about that.

gress if I can just figure it out. A Thought for the Day.

Locusts are an abomination to some. If scarce we would cage them in a museum. All folks are strangely strange. Not you or 1, but all the others I guess.—B. L.

STUDY IN FUTILITY IS "ONE OF OURS." BY WILLA CATHER

Writer Fails to Add Any Laurels to Her Reputation.

"One of Ours," by Willa Cather. Alfred A. Knopf, New York.) two senses that it adds nothing to Miss Cather's record for excellent to come "they had better close the work and that it is concerned with work, and that it is concerned with doors Monday is known as "clean-up" ing should mark a successful novel. ise, she accepts. But here Carday in Paris. The museums and art galleries open to the public are relations we doubt whether it will to mystify.

Ing should mark a successful novel. ise, she accepts. But here Cardone one of the saudest of all creatures that the churches of Europe and America do not intend to mystify. high impulse, is this new publica- ought to be closed. But they know

from the mass of war literature absorbed by the reviewer, is silly. It itself and an unthinkable crim By the Stroller

By the Stroller

More Long Memories.

FOOTBALL is not what it was in the good old days long before the "flying V" started off the ceremonies. That was considered so with. Of course there are horrid world is bankrupt in peace and good in the solution of the war in the good old days long before the "flying V" started off the ceremonies. That was considered so with. Of course there are horrid world is bankrupt in peace and good-name of heart is the only cure. The Of course there are horrid world is with. Of course there are norrid world is bankrup in peace and a rebloody spots, where people necessarily are killed, including the hero. But the disgusting part is the way in which Claude absolutely enjoys mendous problems with which states in which Claude absolutely enjoys. who could string a lot of funny looking letters after his name if he took the timescan tell some football on which Miss Cather evades the requickly solve themselves. By the turn of the Nebraska farm boy to his inevitable mediocrity by killing must be found.

> course. excellent Willa Cather's will accept. If coming events call excellent craftsmanship with its occasional portion of real artistry are in the near future a world peac carefully and effectively done. There is the clear picture of the country and made binding on all classes of a slightly overdrawn father, and without the glimmering of an imcarefully and effectively done. There program emanating from the c without the glimmering of an im-pulse toward active rebellion.

The calm beauty of the prairies is there, and the fatality of the folk who accept the soil as their mete. The picture of the Wheerer family is accurate and living. The study of the boy, groping for expression and achievement and ideals, his pathetic failure to find them in marriage, are done with exceeding care.

Claude's unexpected finding of his outlet in the war is rather maudlin. The picture is overdrawn. And even if Miss Cather had not made a mess of her war section, she did the inof her war section, sue did die.

artistic thing in letting him die.

M. D.

The Herald's Open Court

Some Think One Way, Some

Another.

To the Editor, The Washington Herald:
Why all the noise, hurt feelings, et cetera, over the sketch which appears in the Encyclopedia Britannica after the name of Newton D. Baker? I have read it very carefully and find it to be a fair estimate of the pacifist who was appointed Secretary of War at the most critical time in the history of our country when we should have had none less then Roosevelt. As I understand it, the Encyclopedia Britannica claims to deal with facts and the truth and that is surely what they have done in the case of what they have done in the case of "Newtie Baker" to quote George Harvey.

Things Like This Help Make The Day's Toil Light.

To the Editor, The Washington Herald: I believe an expression of appreciation and admiration is due the management and editorial staff of The Washington Herald for its many excellencies as a family newspaper. A comparison of it with those from all over the United States sent to the reading room of the Library of Congress has persuaded me that in this respect, at least, it is equalled by but few and excelled by none.

Its news items are up to the minute, and of that moral excellence which enables a man to unreservedly commend it to the careful reading of his children without any fear or many excellencies as a family news

of his children without any fear of debauching their morals.

Its editorials are clean, non-par tisan, sane, and educational, Mc.

of them would add charm, dignity and influence to the columns of any religious journal published, appeal-ing at all times to all that is best and for humanity.
Its various home features, and the department open to the public to, a free expression of their views on

the topics of the day are especially commendable. "May its tribe increase." CHARLES T. SHAFFER.

Sees Churches as Hope of Civilization.

To the Editor, The Washington Herald With Europe and Asia again to ferment and a new world we threatened, and with continued fall ure of all the organizations an international conferences that have that as a last resort the church w speak and will declare that the only remedy for the evils that throat to engulf civilization is to be found in religion? A league of nation has been trying to save the world the next thing, as I view it, will be a league of churches for the same

The role of peacemaker naturally Alfred A. Knopf, New York.)

A study in futility—this is Willa

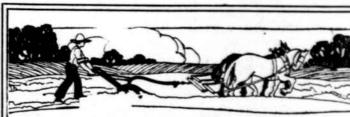
Cather's new book. Futile in the

Loyd George of Great Britain said that Lloyd George was right—that another war, to be fought with the The end of the book, judging another war, to be fought with the terrific weapons now being devised

"I remember one football game at ornell that was a corker," said Dr.

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